

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they said she can read, she can understand, she knowingly and voluntarily relinquished this child. And we have a bill before us now which would give a woman the opportunity to avoid falling into that trap again, to avoid some of the kind of court cases that are, rightfully, being filed. I am just glad that there are a group of students at Creighton University who have more in the way of ethical principles than the majority of those in this Legislature, because they are undertaking to vindicate the rights of this woman in a setting where everybody will know who they are. And already they have been condemned by some for what they are doing, and Creighton University has been criticized for allowing them to do that which their legal ethics compel them to undertake to do. My amendment...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...would change thirty to ninety.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, your light is the first on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, and, Mr. President, I will correct that. It changes ninety to thirty. This kind of situation which we confront is the kind that happens when bills of this nature are not drafted based on principle. Do you notice how quickly amendments were accepted, even though when the bill was first presented, we were told that principle has driven this bill. Then when it became necessary to get votes, all of a sudden that went out the window and, oh, yes, this amendment is all right; if we change this it won't matter; if we drop this, it won't matter. Senator Witek offers amendment and gets knocked down, and somebody else offers it, and it's adopted. Different strokes for different folk. In such a short period of time, Senator Witek, the whole ethical climate and ambiance changed. That's what I am looking at when I use these descriptive term, and the ones who cry out are the one who are stung. I always say if there are group of jackasses in a field and I throw a rock, the only one that goes hee-haw is the one that is hit. When people make certain statements on the floor, and they don't apply to me, I don't take offense. When Senator Hall talked about somebody being the posterior end of one of those equine creatures, it didn't offend me. It tickled me. And some of these other things that people say on the floor, and if they say everybody on the floor is an idiot, do you think I